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SUBJECT: PRESS CONFERENCE OF NIGERIAN FORMIN GARBA

REF: LIBREVILLE 1714

SUMMARY: NIGERIAN FORMIN GARBA INDICATED NIGERIAN WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, TERMED LIBREVILLE SUMMIT SUCCESS, AND SAID THAT, WHILE NIGERIAN SUPPORTED SAHARA SUMMIT, MATTER COULD BE BETTER SETTLED BY CONCERNED PARTIES. END SUMMARY.

1. NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GARBA HELD SHORT PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 5 IN OAU CONFERENCE UNCLASSIFIED

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CENTER AND RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS COVERING BROAD RANGE OF AFRICAN ISSUES. (GARBA'S RESPONSES ON PATRIOTIC FRONT REPORTED LIBREVILLE 1714.)

2. GARBA INDICATED NIGERIA'S WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN UN PEACE KEEPING FORCE IN EITHER NAMIBIA OR ZIMBABWE. NIGERIA, HE SAID, WAS ALSO KEEPING ITS OPTIONS OPEN RE

IDEA OF COMMONWEALTH PEACEKEEPING FORCE FOR ZIMBABWE.

3. GARBA TERMED OAU CONFERENCE /SUCCESS" AND ADDED THAT ITS POSITIVE AND EXTRAORDINARY FRANK DISCUSSIONS WOULD HELP CHECK GROWTH OF INSTABILITY CAUSED BY BILATERAL DIFFERENCES. HE NOTED NIGERIAN RESOLUTION STRENGTHENED POWERS OF AOU SEC GEN AND CHAIRMAN, AND CALLED ITS ADOPTION IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD STRENGTHENING OAU'S MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION POWERS.

4. ON SAHARA, GARBA STATED NIGERIA SUPPORTED ANYTHING THAT COULD BE DONE TO SOLVE PROBLEM AND THUS HAD BACKED MEASURE TO HOLD LUSAKA SUMMIT. NIGERIA FELT, HOWEVER, THAT QUICKER AND MORE EFFECTIVE RESULTS COULD BE OBTAINED IF MATTER ADDRESSED AS "LOCAL" ISSUE.

5. GARGA INDICATED NIGRIAN MEDIATION EFFORT BETWEEN ANGOLA AND ZAIRE WAS NOT RAISED AT SUMMIT, BUT THAT NIGERIA WAS PREPARED TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORT IF PARTIES SO DESIRE.
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